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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

FRENCH RECAPTURE LOST GROUND.
London, June 21.
A French communiqué states:—
There was violent reciprocal artillery activity in the region of Hurbise and Croume.
We silenced a violent enemy bombardment to the south of Juvincourt, and dispersed the assembling enemy.
An artillery duel is rather active in the Hurbise sector on the left of the Meuse.
ENEMY RAIDS.
London, June 24.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The enemy unsuccessfully attempted raids to the south-east of Gavrelle and Armentieres.
Enemy artillery was active near Heuvincourt Wood, to the north of the Scarpe, and at Messines.
We brought down four aeroplanes. One of ours is missing.

BRITISH AND GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.
AMSTERDAM, June 25.
Lord Newton, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, General Sir H. E. Belfield (Director of Prisoners of War) and Mr. Justice Younger have arrived at The Hague to negotiate with German delegates relative to the conditions of the prisoners of war of the respective Powers.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET FORMED.
AMSTERDAM, June 24.
A new Austrian Cabinet has been formed under the Premiership of Dr. von Seidler.

THE CONSCRIPTION QUESTION IN CANADA.
OTTAWA, June 24.
Further Liberal opposition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the question of conscription was marked during the week end. Three of his prominent supporters in the House of Commons disapproved of his referendum amendment.

ARREST OF PLOTTERS IN NORWAY.
COPENHAGEN, June 24.
A Norwegian official message from Christiania states that the police have arrested several foreigners and have found a quantity of explosives in a private house and also a large number of trunks from Germany, filled with explosives, at a railway station.

FOOD CONTROL IN AMERICA.
NEW YORK, June 24.
The House of Representatives has passed the Food Control Bill, which empowers the President to control the distribution of food and to forbid the use of food stuffs for making intoxicants and also to authorize the taking over of all distilled liquor.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

FRENCH MINISTERIAL DELEGATE OPTIMISTIC AND CONFIDENT.
Paris, June 24.
M. Albert Thomas, the French Minister of Munitions, in an interview on his return from Russia, stated that he was optimistic and confident about Russia. He said that the idea of a separate peace may be completely dismissed. The duality of the Government and the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates had disappeared and the Coalition Government's authority was increasing daily, especially in connection with the reorganising of the army, which had to be negotiated at a serious and critical time. The necessity for a disciplined army, in order to preserve and guarantee Russia's liberty, was now understood by the masses, and there was a widely growing belief in military circles, that the defence would be made more effective by an offensive.
M. Thomas said: "I found material and moral reasons for the possibility of an offensive, although I shall not declare the date on which it will take place." Concluding, M. Thomas said, that the Rumanian army would do wonders immediately Russia gave the signal.

THE ANARCHISTS IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, June 24.
The Durnovo anarchists are still defying the Government. They threaten to blow up the occupied villa if force is used.

THE PETROGRAD SENSATION.

"A COMPLETE FIASCO."

PETROGRAD, June 24.
The Maximalist plans were a complete fiasco. Neither the workmen nor the soldiers rallied to their call. The Military Commandant of Petrograd and the President of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates dissuaded the intending military demonstrators and the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates are countering the Maximalist agitation among the factory hands.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

FAR-REACHING RESULTS EXPECTED

London, June 24.
It is officially stated that the development of the mineral resources of the United Kingdom, which a department of the Ministry of Munitions is undertaking, under Sir Lionel Phillips, is likely to lead to far-reaching results.
Sir Lionel Phillips is bringing the knowledge and experience gained by his life's work in developing the mineral resources of South Africa to bear on the new task. A number of engineers of outstanding ability and position are also assisting the efforts of the Department, and already considerable work has been done in furthering war purposes. Steps are being taken to control and expand the Wolfarm mines from which it is expected to produce a home supply of Tungsten powder which is an essential ingredient in the manufacture of high speed steel. The lead resources of the country are also being completely surveyed, new sources of supply are being investigated, and old workings are being re-opened. Action is also being taken with regard to the production of Zinc.

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THE BANANA.

A report extremely favourable to the food value of the banana is made by Drs. Victor C. Myers and Anton R. Rose in

The Journal of the American Medical Association (Chicago, April 7), in its capacity to furnish energy the banana is comparable to the potato, while its status as a fruit gives it the valuable "accessory food substance" to which so much importance is now attached. As a special diet in certain diseases, especially those of the kidneys, the authors believe that this fruit will prove of great benefit to mankind. The only trouble is that the banana as we know it is generally unripe. When it is ripe we usually throw it away as decayed. Unripe bananas are indigestible, the authors of this report tell us, and we shall have to learn how to distinguish the ripe from the unripe before we shall be able to enjoy all the promised advantage of this fruit as a diet. We read:

It is well to bear in mind in the case of the banana that its calorific value is very high—in fact, higher than that of any other common fruit in its natural state. Furthermore, bananas may be readily obtained at any time of the year, and at a cost per calory about half that of other fruits. The condition in which fruits are sold in many of our great cities is certainly far from sanitary, but the peel of the banana affords it almost complete protection in this respect. The banana has been called the "poor man's fruit," and the facts mentioned above would appear to justify this appellation.

Our nutritional studies on the banana indicate that, when thoroughly ripe, it is one of our most valuable fruits; but there are many other reasons why this subject commands interest, from a physician's point of view.

Raw fruits can be consumed to advantage only when they are thoroughly ripe, and the banana is certainly no exception to this rule. Perhaps the worst criticism that can be made with regard to bananas is that they are frequently sold and eaten when they are not thoroughly ripe. This is in part due to a popular misconception that bananas should not be eaten after the appearance of brownish tints on the peel. The yellow color of the skin is not in itself sufficient evidence of ripeness; in fact, under certain climatic conditions the fruit may be entirely yellow and still be so underripe that its consumption in large amounts would be followed by discomfort. When the yellow of the peel takes on a golden hue and begins to speckle with brown shades it may safely be considered fully ripe. The spread of the brown coloration does not condemn the fruit as overripe so long as the pulp inside shows no signs of fermentative decomposition.

The only error that can be made regarding the composition of the banana has to do with its salt content. It will be noted, however, that this relationship is similar to that found in the potato. It is of interest that both the banana and the potato yield an alkaline ash, and are therefore antagonistic to the development of an acidosis.

Drs. Myers and Rose give considerable space to the results of practical tests made by them on bananas and diet. This confirmed the necessity of having the fruit freely ripe. No discomfort was noted in any case except when the bananas were unripe. In one instance a patient lived on a bread-and-milk diet for one week and on bananas and milk for a similar period. The subjective sensations experienced were much more favorable to the banana-and-milk than to the bread-and-milk diet. The authors' general conclusions follow:

"Bananas have a higher caloric value than any of our other common fruits. Unlike most other fruits, they are always in season."

"When fully ripe, that is, when the starch has been almost completely changed to sugar, the experiments here reported show that the carbohydrates of the banana are well absorbed from the intestine. It is said in the market, however, bananas are frequently not sufficiently ripe to be consumed to advantage immediately; and it would seem that gastro-intestinal disturbances, when attributed to the banana, were referable to this cause. It may be said in general regarding our own experiments that no ill effects, discomfort, or distaste were noted even after the consumption of large quantities of the ripe fruit for several days."

"Much larger quantities of sugar (glucose) were absorbed from bananas in the form of banana than as pure sugar (sucrose), glucose, without producing gastro-intestinal disturbances."

The composition of the banana and the potato shows an interesting similarity both as regards total carbohydrate and the amounts of the different mineral constituents. While the banana can hardly be regarded as a potato substitute, the fact that it has practically the same caloric value as the potato is worthy of note.

Of even greater importance is the fact that bananas may be eaten uncooked. This is of interest in view of the increasing significance that is being attached to the accessory food substances.

The banana would appear to be a particularly valuable food to employ in the dietetic treatment of nephritic patients with nitrogen retention. Very satisfactory results have been obtained in the rather mild cases of nephritis (kidney trouble) here reported. So long as the patients exhibit no distaste for the fruit, there would seem to be no reason why bananas should not be employed in considerable quantity. We hope to report in the near future results obtained with this form of diet in cases of advanced nephritis.

REMINISCENT OF CALVERLEY.
H. DE VERE STACPOOLE ON TOBACCO.

Calverley's "Ode to Tobacco" is recalled by the following article contributed to the "Daily Express" by the novelist, H. de Vere Stacpoole.

The man who smokes, compared with the non-smoker, is as a bicycle with a three-speed gear to the ordinary article. He goes more easily up the hills of the world, and his mechanism suffers less from wear and tear—also his wife.

Lubricating oil seems a little thing, yet a present-day army without lubricating oil would be as useless as an army without guns, and a present-day army without tobacco which also seems to some people a little thing—well, I can not conceive what it would be like. Tobacco is no little thing, nor is it a luxury, as non-smokers would have us believe. It is a necessity of civilization and the civilized brain, which has developed a thousand delicate wheels and cranks on which nicotine alone seems to have the power of lubrication.

DESPAIR AND JOY.
I will set forth an instance of the effect of the withdrawal of this lubricant. It ought to be posted up permanently in the office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I take it from the pages of Captain Raymond du Baty, the explorer of Kerguelen Land.

A day or two ago the crew of the J. B. Charcot ran out of tobacco. It was a tragedy to them. As for Jean Bonhomme, our boatwain, he became a dazed and broken man. He brooded and drooped and lost some of his old grip on the plain duties of life. The smile of a steamer was sighted, and, above all, other of the crew, "jumped up like a madman and danced wildly about the rocks, waving his arms and crying 'Tobacco! Tobacco!'

"The boat stood as if turned to stone. Then he threw down his pick and began running round the shed, round and round again like a mad dog."

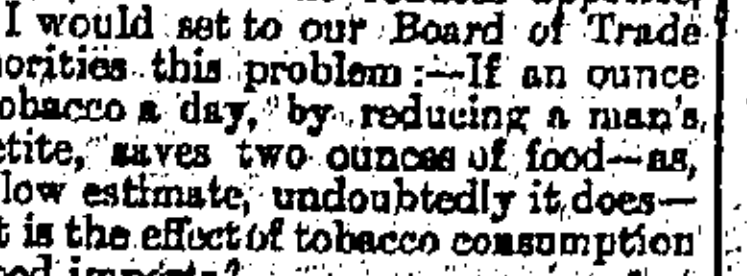
So may we not see, I hope, men in fluxion and Highgate acting when the smoke of the good ship, Peace, shows upon the troubled horizon, nor need they if one could only get the Chancellor of the Exchequer to recognize the fact that tobacco saves tonnage.

Apart from its lubricating effect on the brain, tobacco has a powerful effect on the stomach. It reduces appetite, and I would set to our Board of Trade authorities this problem:—If an ounce of tobacco a day, by reducing a man's appetite, saves two ounces of food—as, at a low estimate, undoubtedly it does—what is the effect of tobacco consumption on food imports?

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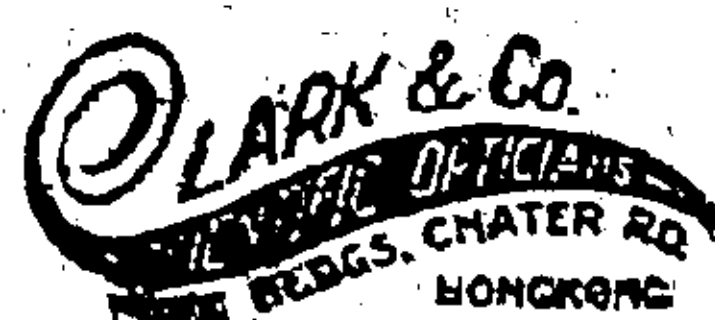
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Sideboard, Dining Table and Chairs, Upholstered Rattan and Wicker Furniture, mattress, &c. (nearly new), Wardrobe, Toilet Table, Bedstead, Pantry and Bathroom Utensils, &c.
(Particulars from Catalogue.)
On view day of Sale.
TERMS—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, June 22, 1917.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TUESDAY

the 26th June, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

VALUABLE TEASWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, PICTURES, &c.

As follows:—
Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Sofas, Card Tables, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, etc., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and Writing Tables, Sundry Electro Plated Ware, etc.
2 Pianos in good condition, Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture, including Large Overmantel, One Large Telescope by Wood, London, Engravings, Pictures, etc., etc.
Also:
Tennis Poles and Netting, Porcelain Cigar Cabinet, Enamelled Bath, Brass Finger Bowls, Carpets (new and second hand), Child's Cots, Perambulators, etc., etc.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
TERMS—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, June 20, 1917.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

the 27th and 28th June, 1917, at 10 a.m. each day, at H.M. Naval Yard, and at the Kowloon Depot.

The Sale of Old and Surplus Victualling Stores, also at the Kowloon Depot.

will commence on THURSDAY, 28th instant about 11 a.m.

OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL AND VICTUALLING STORES

Comprising:—
Old and Surplus Naval Stores.—One Coal Lighter (carrying capacity 100 Tons), Various Ships and Boats Fittings, Fan Engines, Canvas Hoses, Coir Cordage, Rappertstuf, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Boat, Oars, Fir, Carpets, Rugs, Blankets, Bedsteads, Electric Cable, Old Steel Tubes, Old Iron and Steel, Minerals and Olive Oil, Gas Cylinders, &c., &c.
Old and Surplus Victualling Stores.—Old and Surplus Clothing, Blankets, Officers' Mess Traps, (A quantity of Electro-plated Articles and Table Linen), Implements, Sausages, Mess Utensils, Coopers' Articles, Oak Staves, &c., &c.
Terms of Sale.—As detailed in the Catalogue.
On view from Tuesday, 26th inst. (Catalogue will be sent).

HUGHES & HOUGH

By Appointment Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, June 24, 1917.

LIVING ON YOUR NERVE.

Everybody has a store of nervous energy. When work or worry without sufficient rest exhausts this store, a condition results that medical men call neurasthenia.

It is commonly met with in those who have had heavy anxieties, also those who have cared for sick relatives, and business men who worry over their affairs and neglect to take proper rest. Women who work beyond their strength, anyone who has too much excitement and too little rest may show the symptoms.

The signs are clear. Your complexion becomes pale, you imagine unpleasant things, your brain insists on working when you want to go to sleep. Sometimes you are melancholy. Things that used to please you no longer do so. Constipation is usually present. You worry about yourself and your "work" and cannot forget your anxieties.

No doctor can cure neurasthenia; you have to do it yourself. First, worry less and don't overtax your strength; then, begin Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, for they supply new blood to feed your worn-out nerves and so steadily build up your health. Obtainable from Chemists, also post free, 1 bottle for \$1.50, 3 for \$4.50, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Beach Street, New York.

FREE—Write a post card to the above address asking for a most useful booklet on the home treatment of nervous disorders.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY

the 30th June, 1917, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A CONSIGNMENT OF HOUSEHOLD LINEN, &c., &c.

Consisting of:—
Bed Sheets, Cushion Covers, Bed spreads, Table Cloths and Serviettes, Dusters, Glass Cloths, Towels, &c., &c.
Also:
A number of Lady's Blouses.
And:
A quantity of Lace Curtains.

TERMS—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, June 22, 1917.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

the 26th June, 1917, the 3rd day of July, 1917, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND above Bowen Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Up to 1777	Up to 1917
Lot 1	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 2	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 3	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 4	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 5	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 6	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 7	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 8	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 9	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777
Lot 10	As per plan	2.50	177,777	177,777	177,777

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makes blood—lots of it—life giving, brain nourishing, strength replenishing blood.

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

THE ULSTER REPRESENTATIVES.

LONDON, June 23.

The Ulster Unionist representatives at the Irish Convention will be:—Lord Londonderry, Sir George Clarke, Mr. Hugh Barrie, M.P., (Unionist Member for Derry), Colonel Robert Wallace and Mr. Michael Knight.

The Nationalist representatives will be:—Mr. Redmond, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Devlin and Mr. Stephen Gwynn.

HUNGER RIOTS AT STETTIN.

STOCKHOLM, June 23.

Hunger riots at Stettin were quelled by the troops threatening to use machine-guns.

THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LOAN.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

WASHINGTON, June 23.

It is officially announced that the Liberty Loan subscriptions total \$3,035,226,850. The Loan has been oversubscribed by nearly 52 per cent.

THE SHIPPING PROBLEM.

WHAT AMERICA WILL DO.

NEW YORK, June 23.

Mr. Macdoni, speaking at a luncheon given to the Italian Mission, stated that he was of the opinion that the United States would float one and a half million tons of new ships by the end of the year, and double that amount next year.

AGITATION AGAINST PROFITEERING.

LONDON, June 23.

Lord Rhondda received a deputation of the London Unionist Members of Parliament on the subject of profiteering.

REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES.

WASHINGTON, June 23.

An early reduction in ocean freight rates is expected as the result of the conference between the Allied and the American Governments.

THE BELGIAN MISSION TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, June 23.

The Belgian Mission received an ovation in the Senate.

RUMANIAN MISSION ARRIVES IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, June 23.

The Rumanian Mission has arrived at its port on the Pacific Coast.

RECRUITING IN 'AMERICA.'

WASHINGTON, June 23.

Nearly ten million men between the ages of 21 and 30 have polled for war service.

ROYAL GIFT TO AID RAID VICTIMS.

LONDON, June 23.

The King has given £200 for the relief of victims of the last air-raid.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

LONDON, June 23.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Labour Member for Derby, has declined the Presidency of the Local Government Board.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

STOCKHOLM, June 23.

The German minority Socialists, Herr Hasse, Bernstein, Kautsky and Studthagen, have arrived.

THE SWISS INTRIGUE.

BERNE, June 23.

The Federal Council has instructed the Minister for Switzerland at Petrograd to return and report on the Helvetia German affair.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH REPULSE RAIDERS.

LONDON, June 23.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We repulsed raiders eastward of Epohy, the enemy leaving several dead on our wire. We took a few wounded prisoners. An enemy attempt on Gillemont Farm in the same neighbourhood failed. Our aeroplanes co-operated with the artillery with good results despite the bad weather. We brought down one enemy aeroplane and drove down six. Three of ours are missing.

FRENCH REPULSE VIOLENT ENEMY ATTACKS.

LONDON, June 23.

A French communiqué says: The bombardment of our positions south of Fland and in the region of Brayenne-Launois continued until this morning. A series of most violent attacks followed. The Germans launched large forces composed of special troops on a front of over two kilometres. The attack was most stubborn despite the heavy losses inflicted, but the enemy efforts were broken for the greater part and their waves of assault were driven back to the starting-off trenches. We held the positions except in the centre where the enemy penetrated, after several attempts, into a salient on our line.

THE COTTON CRISIS.

RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER IMPORTS.

LONDON, June 23.

After the conference with Sir A. Stanley today, the President of the Liverpool Cotton Association telegraphed to the Liverpool Cotton Exchange that he hoped to submit a scheme for the re-opening of the market on a restricted scale on Monday.

Sir A. Stanley conferred with the Liverpool cotton representatives at length. The proceedings were private, but it is understood the proposals included a recommendation to the Government to take over the import of cotton similar to the wool imports control. The conference will resume to-morrow.

CONSCRIPTION IN CANADA.

PROMINENT LIBERALS IN FAVOUR OF BILL.

OTTAWA, June 23.

One of the most forcible speeches in favour of the Conscription Bill in the House of Commons was delivered by Mr. Peadar Kirby, the chief Liberal whip, who deeply regretted the necessity of dissent from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had moved the referendum as an amendment. Mr. Peadar Kirby favoured a final trial of volunteering before adopting conscription. It was Canada's bounden duty, he said, to reinforce the men at the front. Mr. McCraney, a prominent Liberal member for Saskatoon, also supported the Bill.

FRENCH AND GERMAN MARINE LOSSES COMPARED.

PARIS, June 23.

It has been announced in the Chamber that the French mercantile marine has lost 580,000 tons since the war, but 680,000 tons have since been built and purchased and 140,000 tons are being completed; whereas Germany has lost two and a half million tons, half her fleet.

FURTHER STATE CONTROL OF SUPPLIES.

LONDON, June 23.

A deputation of the Trade Unions has urged Lord Rhondda, the new Food Controller, to take steps for the State purchase of imported food stuffs; the commandeering of home grown products and of ships; and the retailing of supplies at equitable prices, including a sixpenny quarter loaf.

GOVERNMENT TO RATION COTTON SUPPLIES.

LONDON, June 23.

It is understood that it is most unlikely that the Government will assume control of the cotton trade, but it is thought likely the Government will formulate a scheme whereby it will ration the supplies of the cotton spinners.

BALTIMORE COTTON SPECULATORS.

BALTIMORE, June 23.

The Board of Managers of the Cotton Exchange has informed its members that it will regard with extreme disfavour any action tending to cause unnecessary variation in the price of cotton.

INCREASED BEER SUPPLIES.

LONDON, June 23.

It is understood that the Government will allow an increase of 50 per cent on the bottling of beer.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

IMMEDIATE CONVOCATION DEMANDED.

PETROGRAD, June 23.

The Pan-Russian Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates has demanded the immediate convocation of a Constituent Assembly and the formation of a body representing organised democracy including peasants.

COSSACKS DEMAND AN OFFENSIVE.

PETROGRAD, June 23.

The Cossacks have demanded an offensive in conjunction with the Allies.

RESIGNATION OF ADMIRAL KOLTCHAK IMMINENT.

PETROGRAD, June 23.

Strong meetings have been held at Sevastopol, mostly of sailors, at which was discussed the alleged pro-Tsarism of certain officers. Thereafter delegates of the garrison demanded the resignation of Admiral Kolchak, Commander-in-Chief of the Black Sea Fleet. The Government summoned Admiral Kolchak to Petrograd to explain the happenings to which Admiral Kolchak replied by insisting on being allowed to resign.

RUSSIAN EXILES RETURNING.

AMSTERDAM, June 23.

Three hundred more Russian exiles have arrived from Baden—proceeding to Russia.

GENERAL POLITZOFF CENSURED.

PETROGRAD, June 23.

The Government has formally censured General Politzoff, Commandant of Petrograd, for releasing anarchists who seized a newspaper office, thus disobeying orders.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT TURKS AND KURDS.

ADVANCE CONTINUING.

LONDON, June 23.

A wireless Russian official message says: Our detachments attacked a position to the west of Kailat and bayoneted the Turkish defenders. Only a few escaped. We defeated the Kurds to the northward of Sardash and occupied the summit. The advance continues.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

IMPROVED FIGHTING SPIRIT.

THE "Times" Correspondent has visited General Brusiloff's Headquarters.

He says there has been a marked improvement in the fighting spirit of the Russian Army during the last six weeks. General Brusiloff's personality and prestige have worked miracles.

BIG FOREST FIRE.

AMSTERDAM, June 23.

Seven thousand acres of forest have been burned down at Letzingen.

THE SITUATION IN GREECE.

ATHENS, June 23.

M. Venizelos was received first by M. Zaimis and secondly by the Venizelist members of the Commission for the unification of Greece. M. Venizelos is confident of the success of the Commission.

ANOTHER RESIGNATION IN DANISH CABINET.

COPENHAGEN, June 23.

The Liberal Minister, M. Christensen, has resigned, following the example of M. Mottboel.

THE RECRUITING QUESTION.

UNMARRIED MINERS IN PLACE OF MARRIEDS.

MR. A. C. EDWARDS, Labour Member for Glamorgan, on behalf of a public meeting of the miners of South Wales, asked the Government to take the young unmarried miners for military service instead of the older married men. He said there were 205,000 unmarried miners under the age of 31, of which 117,000 had attained, and they were overwhelmingly desirous of being taken. The Government, said Mr. Edwards, should deal with the situation, not through the Union officials, but with the men at the pit's head.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, June 23.

Silver is 27½d. per oz. The market is chiefly for trade demand and is steady.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, June 23.

Lieut. General R. G. Broadwood, aged 60, (Lieut. General Broadwood commanded the troops in South China in 1900).

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HORLICK'S Malted Milk

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Pure, full-cream milk enriched with all the nutritive extracts of selected malted barley and wheat in powder form. Every particle is wholesome nourishment. It keeps indefinitely, and there is absolutely no waste. The addition of hot or cold water instantly forms a delicious food beverage to which is added the nutritive value of the malted barley and wheat. It is therefore economical in all respects and suits all ages.

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IN THREE SIZES, 1/6, 2/6, and 11/- (IN ENGLAND):

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To-day's Advertisements

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NOTICE.

WE have been requested by the above Company to announce that new shares will be issued to present shareholders at par (21) in the proportion of 1 new share to 4 old shares. The dividend of 5% per share payable on 14th July may be utilized to pay for the new shares.

Shareholders should deposit their holdings with their Bankers by 29th June in order that the necessary application may be made by telegram on 30th June.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation or the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, on application. For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

S. J. STARR,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 25, 1917. 1911

S.S. "CHINO MARU."

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of TWO B JILERS salvaged from the wreck of this steamer.

Particulars and terms of tenders can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

GILMAN & CO. LTD.

Agents.

The London Salvage Association.

Hongkong, June 25, 1917. 1913

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

FRIDAY,

the 29th June, 1917, at 3 p.m., at No. 1, Great George Street, East Point, (next door to Ice House).

SUNDAY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

therein contained.

Consisting of:—

Teakwood Sideboard (Bevelled Mirror),

2 Teakwood Wardrobes (Double Bevelled Mirrors), 2 Brass Fenders and Brasses,

Teak Overmantel, Copper Boiler, Copper Fish Kettle, Cooking Utensils, &c., &c.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, June 25, 1917. 1912

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at 10 Lochiel Terrace, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Pictures, E.P. Ware, etc., at Messrs Hughes and Hough's.

3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, June 27—

Entries close for third Gynkhana.

WEDNESDAY 27 & THURSDAY, June 28—

10 a.m.—Auction of Naval and Victualling Stores at H.M. Naval Yard and Kowloon Depot.

THURSDAY, June 28—

Settlement Day: Hongkong Stock Exchange.

SATURDAY, June 30—

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Linen, Ladies' Blouses, etc., at Messrs Hughes and Hough's.

SUNDAY, July 1—

Dominion Day, Canada.

MONDAY, July 2—

General Holiday.

TUESDAY, July 3—

3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

WEDNESDAY, July 4—

Anniversary of American Declaration of Independence (1776).

THURSDAY, July 5—

1.55 a.m.—Total Eclipse of the Moon.

1.55 a.m.—Full Moon.

FRIDAY, July 6—

Queen Victoria's birthday (1819).

SATURDAY, July 7—

2.30 p.m.—Third Gynkhana Meeting.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Tromoh Mines, Ltd., has declared a dividend of 1s. per share less income tax, payable in London on July 7.

Mr. R. V. Tours, C.M.G., H.B.M.'s Consul at Ichang, has completed a tour of opium inspection through Kweichow and Yunnan provinces.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 9th June, 1917, amounted to 70,365 tons and the sales during the period to 61,324 tons.

Seventy-four tons of ether, of British make, have been saved by the French Authorities off the coast of Cochin China. Claimants should apply to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

One case of plague, outside Victoria, was reported last week. There were three cases of enteric fever in Victoria, one Japanese and two Chinese, and one fatal case of puerperal fever, a Chinese, outside Victoria.

We are requested by Messrs. Hughes & Hough to draw the attention of the public to the several lots of Elkington Plate to be disposed of by public auction at H. M. Naval Depot, Kowloon, on the 28th inst., at 11 a.m. They will be on view from to-morrow.

A partner of the Yuen On Jewellery shop at No. 35 Gage Street has reported to the Police that on the 21st instant, he entrusted one of his workmen with two diamonds valued at \$250, and instructed him to set the stones in rings. The workman and the diamonds cannot now be found.

Many in Hongkong will read with regret the announcement that Lieutenant R. G. Broadwood, C.B., has lost his life in the Great War. General Broadwood was the Officer Commanding the Troops in South China from 1906 to 1910. Broadwood Road was named after him. He distinguished himself as a cavalry leader in the Sudan and the South African campaigns, and his appointment to Hongkong was a subject of much curious comment at the time.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LIMITED.

FORMAL OPENING.

The formal opening of the Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd., took place this afternoon at the premises of the Bank, No. 6, Des Voeux Road. The Bank commences its operations with a capital of \$1,000,000, comprising 100,000 shares of \$10 per share. Later on it is intended to increase this capital to \$2,000,000 and also to establish branches throughout China. The Bank officials are: Mr. T. T. Cheng, President; Mr. J. K. Choy, Vice President; and Messrs W. M. Kan, S. Y. Lee, C. G. Chan, Loo Shui Cheuk and Dr. Chan Gih Cho, Directors.

The President of the Bank, Mr. T. T. Cheng, in describing the objects of the Bank, pointed out the need for greater banking facilities in China. Business would be greatly facilitated throughout China if there were greater banking facilities and they intended to lead the way in that direction. A large part of the capital had been subscribed by Chinese overseas, a community for which the bank intended to specially cater. At the same time they asked the support of local business men, both Chinese and Foreign.

Mr. G. E. Anderson, the Consul General of the United States, said that he did not know what should be done or said at the opening of a bank, but he thought that the lack of good banks in China greatly hampered business, particularly in the direction of the matter of small remittances. At present it was only possible to make small remittances at very high cost. There was also great need for a stable exchange. He wished the present venture every success. They knew what it meant if they were successful and they equally knew what it meant if they failed. He felt sure he was echoing the sentiments of both Foreigners and Chinese alike when he wished the venture every success.

ECONOMY IN THE END.

It costs but a small amount to keep Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy always in the medicine chest, and it is economy in the end. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE PEKING CRISIS.

REORGANISATION PROPOSALS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, June 22.

Most of the Tsuchins having now cancelled their independence, consideration is being given to the very important questions of the reorganisation of the Cabinet, the re-election of Parliament, and to the means of satisfying the Southern Provinces.

Kong Chiu Chung and Wong Sze Chai propose that the Parliamentary membership shall be limited to 200, while the majority of the Tsuchins advocate a membership of 300.

Opinions are divided on the Single Chamber proposal and it is reported that an Elders' Council will probably be formed, consisting of six persons, viz: Chai Sui Chong, Tsun Ki Sui, Chang Hsun, Wong Sze Chai, Fung Kwok Chang and Luk Wing Ting. This Council will decide all important matters concerning the formation of the Cabinet and the re-election of Parliament.

Chang Hsun's five demands were signed by Li King Hi with the remark that they should be confirmed by all the provinces and could not be definitely conceded by mandate alone.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

DRAGON BOAT RACING.

To-day is Dragon Boat Festival. The Chinese are observing the day in keeping with their time honoured custom. Outside of Canton city during the last week the boats have been running from early morning till late at night. These long narrow boats are found in all the streams and canals of any size. The display of flags and test of strength aroused great interest on the part of the masses as in former years. The officials will not permit the racing in Canton city limits; yet everywhere else the racing goes on in full force.

THE NAUTICAL SCHOOLS.

The Schools of the Baptist Mission which centre around Tung Shan have closed their year's work with the customary exercises. One of the most interesting compounds in Canton with all kinds of modern schools can be seen at Tung Shan. These schools are attracting more and more interest on the part of the leading Chinese.

The exercises began with the Kindergarten. One of the model Kindergartens of South China is conducted by this group of Christian workers. The school had its first graduating exercises. It was an interesting sight to see the little tots perform their part with such zeal and beauty. His Excellency the Governor of Kwang Tung, Chu Kiu Lan, was present and seemed greatly moved as he watched the tiny little boys and girls perform their parts with such accuracy. He spoke and commended these most highly.

The exercises of the Theological College and the Women's Training School were also well attended. The chief speaker at these exercises was Prof. Chung of the Christian College. He is just back from the United States where he had to go in making his escape from the people's government. Prof. Chung was formerly the secretary of Education for South China. He instituted many reforms. He has great hopes for modern China if directed along safe and sane lines.

The closing exercises were given by the Girls' Academy. Many of the noted educators were present and gave their word of commendation to this growing institution. The President of the South China Educational Association was present, and made a most helpful address. The Governor who was also present spoke most encouragingly of the work of this school. He lamented the neglect of this phase of their work in the past. He is an enthusiastic advocate of education for the girls. He thinks this is just as important as the education of the boys. The hope of China is in men of large vision and wholesome views in reference to the girls and boys of China, and the Governor's lengthy speech yesterday would encourage one to believe that he is a leader of this class.

WILL GAMBLING BE RESTORED IN CANTON?

Many rumours are afloat that gambling is to be restored in Canton. It is reported that an offer of ten million dollars per year has been made for this privilege. This offer comes at a time when China is in great need of money. No doubt the offer will mean a great temptation to those who are grappling with the financial difficulties. It is a temptation of a most subtle kind, but the moral forces of the Government will do all that can be done to make the masses understand that money saved at the sacrifice of the people is always lost.

THE MAGISTRACY.

EXPORTING LEAD WITHOUT A PERMIT.

Before Mr. A. Dyer Ball this morning a Chinese passenger from California was charged with attempting to export 40 lbs. of lead without an export permit from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

The defendant pleaded his ignorance of the law and was represented by Mr. F. N. D'Almada.

After evidence was heard His Worship imposed a nominal fine of \$5, and informed the defendant that the disposition of the lead was subject to the decision of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

BAIL ESTREATED.

Two Chinese women failed to appear in Court this morning to answer a charge of being in the unlawful possession of seven tacks of opium dross at the Kowloon Railway Station and His Worship ordered that the defendants' bail of \$50 each be estreated.

THEFT FROM A LAUNCH.

An unemployed Chinese pleaded guilty before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning to the charge of stealing a metal hose cap from a steam launch.

The magistrate sentenced the defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

ALLEGED COAL THIEVES.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a Chinese boatman was charged with the larceny of a half-ton of coal from a steamer lying in the harbour off Wanchai.

Mr. Mattingly appeared as solicitor for the defendant and pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client.

Sergeant Bond of the Water Police stated that about 4.30 a.m., on the 23rd instant, he heard police whistles from a steamer lying off Wanchai and immediately proceeded to the ship. There he learned that several coal junks moored to the vessel had been boarded by a number of boatmen who had come alongside in sampans. Regardless of the presence of the crews of the junks, the marauders had stolen a large quantity of coal from the water-boats. At the approach of the witness's boat the sampans people pushed off from the junk in an attempt to escape the Police. Witness, however, chased one of the sampans, which contained a quantity of coal and was being rowed by four Chinese boatmen. Realizing that they were being overtaken the occupants of the sampans drew their boat alongside another junk and then climbed aboard the water-boat. Witness, subsequently followed the fugitives aboard the junk and there discovered the defendant stowed away in the hold. The three other boatmen, however, made good their escape.

The case was formally adjourned until next Saturday, bail being fixed at \$200. It was stated that the stolen coal is the property of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

LARCENY FROM KOWLOON DOCKS.

A Chinese electrician, charged with stealing several coils of electric wire from the Kowloon Docks whilst employed there, was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

His Worship after hearing the evidence sentenced the defendant to two months' hard labour, and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A WATCHMAN.

A Chinese coolie was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning on the charge of assaulting an Indian watchman at the Kowloon Godowns.

The watchman alleged that the defendant had refused to be searched before being allowed to leave the godowns. When the complainant insisted upon searching, the defendant knocked him down and also hit the complainant's finger.

The defendant, who pleaded not guilty to the charge, stated that the complainant whilst searching him, handled him with unnecessary roughness. When the defendant complained of this treatment the complainant pushed him against a wall and injured his (the defendant's) hand. There were no witnesses to the alleged assault, and the magistrate dismissed the case.

THEFT OF PETROL TINS.

A Chinese was sentenced to one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks by Mr. Wood this morning on the charge of stealing eight petrol tins from a steamer.

THE WING ON COMPANY PROSECUTION.

The case in which two Chinese boatmen were charged with uttering a forged order for the payment of \$117.60, and knowing the order to be forged, presenting same for collection at the office of the Wing On Company, on the 11th instant, was heard before Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon.

Mr. Bowley appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Wing On Company. The first defendant is represented by Mr. Mattingly and the second defendant by Mr. Grix.

Evidence was heard and the case adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

POLICE RESERVE CASE RESUMED.

In Mr. Dyer Ball's Court this afternoon the case was resumed in which a Portuguese Police Reserve (No. 76A) named Joe Henry Beltram, in the employ of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company was summoned to answer two charges: one of having stolen ten cents from the complainant, one Ho Hin Ching, a Chinese licensed hawk, and another of having obtained by menaces, a packet of cigarettes, the property of the complainant.

Mr. R. C. Faithfull continued to conduct the prosecution, and Mr. Leo D'Almada appeared as solicitor for the defence.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that it was a most serious charge against the defendant, and as the defendant was undefended at the first hearing of the case, Mr. D'Almada asked to be instructed regarding the evidence previously heard.

Mr. Dyer Ball admitted that the charge against the defendant was a very serious one, and granted Mr. D'Almada's application.

His Worship then outlined from his notes of the evidence given at the first hearing of the case, the report of which appeared in the Magistracy column of this paper on the 21st instant.

Mr. D'Almada recalled the witnesses who had given evidence at the first hearing of the case.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that the charges brought against his client were false charges trumped up by the complainant and his boarder (Dr. Lai Chi Ho) because of their animosity toward the defendant because in the execution of his duty, the defendant had been extremely vigilant in watching hawkers. Dr. Lai Chi Ho's grievance was that the defendant had married Lai Chi Ho's younger sister against Lai Chi Ho's wishes.

At the conclusion of Mr. D'Almada's cross-examination, a consultation was held between the solicitors, and Mr. J. W. Franks, Acting D. S. P. (R.), who appeared on behalf of the Police Reserve.

As the result of this consultation, the defendant was bound over on a personal bond of \$100, to keep the peace for twelve months.

JAPAN MARINE ENGINEERING AND SALVAGE CO.

GREAT COMBINE FOR SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

Arrangements for the organization of the Japan Marine Engineering and Salvage Co. have now been completed. For a long time past several prominent ship-owners, insurance men and merchants have been working on a plan to amalgamate the salvage works of Messrs. the Yamashina Salvage Co., the Matsuda Salvage Co., and the salvage department of the Mitsui Bishi Co., which are the most important concerns of the kind in Japan, the idea being that if one great Salvage Company could be formed operations might be carried on even more successfully. The effort has been crowned with success, and the new company has been established at Yokohama, under the title of the Nippon Kaifu Kaisha, Captain Chuma, who has been connected with the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. for about 17 years, has accepted the position of president. The capital is ¥2,000,000. The Company has taken over from the Mitsui Bishi Co., the Yamashina Co. and the Matsuda Co., 8 salvage steamers together with all the necessary gear, equipments and appliances for salvage work, as well as the services of the engineers, divers and men. Judging from the fact that the staff includes experts who successfully salvaged or refloated the Minnesota, the Empress of China, the Dakota and many other big steamers, the success of the company would seem to be assured. —Kobe Herald.

The British Treasury has paid 45 millions interest on war loans, the greatest ever recorded. The public is largely re-investing in war securities.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

During the summer months mothers should watch for any unusual looseness of the child's bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon for sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO. LTD.

OPENING OF NEW BUILDING.

A handsome and imposing new building of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd. at the corner of the Kowloon and Szechuen Roads, Shanghai, was formally opened on the 18th inst. when the company held an "At Home" which was attended by a large number of Shanghai business men.

The reception took place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and over 200 gentlemen attended during those hours. Amongst those present and who delivered speeches were Mr. A. G. Stephen, manager of the H. and S. Bank; Mr. C. M. Bain, Chairman of the N. C. Insurance Co., and Mr. H. G. Simms, the Company's Secretary.

Mr. Stephen in the course of his speech gave the following interesting review of the history of this old established Company:

Away back in the 'sixties a group of Shanghai merchants came to the conclusion that the profits to be made out of the insurance of their abode could be secured for themselves by forming a local marine insurance company, and as a result of this decision the North China Insurance Company came into existence on the 1st January 1863. The names of many of those far-seeing gentlemen are familiar to us, such as Bryson, Bell, Duncan, Michie, Brand, Hoer, Lavers, Maitland, Tate, Little, Frost, Givon, Porter, Tod, Hayes, Carter, and others too numerous to mention. It is interesting to know that one of these gentlemen (I have named it present here to-day, Mr. Jenner Hogg, a record he may well be proud of and we would specially welcome him here on this occasion).

While commending these early merchants for their astuteness in reserving for themselves the profits to be made of insuring their goods, I will be doing them no injustice in saying that this attribute was not so manifest in laying down the policy which was to form the basis for running the Company.

The North China Insurance Company was a triennial concern, that is to say, the Company was wound up every three years and the profits were divided amongst the shareholders and contributors with the result that while those fortunate individuals did singularly well out of this simple arrangement, the "North China" as a Company naturally made no progress.

In the year 1878 the triennial system was abolished and the Company was reconstituted on a permanent basis, but still as an unregistered Company on a mutual or co-operative principle, its membership being restricted to merchants or others capable of giving or influencing business to the Company. The Capital of the permanent Company was £100,000.

In the year 1883 there was a growing feeling in the local mercantile circles that an essential feature of a public company is limited liability, and the proprietors decided to define the liability of the shareholders.

A new Company was formed called the North China Insurance Company, Limited, and registered in London under the English Joint Stock Companies Act in the year 1884.

The paid-up Capital of the Company was £250,000, an arrangement which was the source of a good deal of trouble to the Company later on when competition reduced the profits to be made out of marine insurance.

I must propose to take you through the varying fortunes of the Company, sufficient to say that the handsome capital was finally removed in the year 1903, when the present capital of the Company was established. From that time onwards consistent success has attended the Company's business. Its annual dividend has increased from 15 per cent in 1904 to a basis of 30 per cent in 1916, while its Reserves have been trebled within the same period.

RICE SHORTAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The shortage of rice that has been keenly felt in various sections of the Philippine Islands, specially in Cebu and Iloilo, will soon be remedied, at least partially and temporarily, says a Manila paper, with the importation of a considerable amount of rice from Saigon. It is announced that 40,000 cawans of rice will be brought in to the islands from Saigon.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.45 P.M.

Thursday, June 28th—Ambulance Platoon.

FIREMEN.

Members of the Ambulance Platoon will carry their Haversacks and Water Bottles when on Patrol.

BAND COMMITTEE.

The Band Committee will meet at Headquarters' Club on Tuesday, June 26th, at 6 p.m.

COMMISSION.

The Acting D.S.P. (R.) will attend the D.S.P. (R.) office between 4 and 5 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted).

(Sgd.) J. W. FRANKS,

Acting D.S.P. (R.).

PORTUGUESE INDIA.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

Senhor J. Ribeiro has been appointed to succeed H. E. Senhor Coutinho de Costa as Governor-General of Portuguese India. An Indian contemporary says: "He is a distinguished officer of the Portuguese Navy and was formerly commander of the cruiser 'Admiral', which operated with the Portuguese land forces in the 'Rovuma' fighting against the Germans in East Africa. He was recently promoted to the rank of 'Fregate Captain' and was relieved of the post of Director of Marine at Macao, to enable him to assume the command of the gunboat 'Patris'. Senhor Ribeiro is expected to leave Lisbon for India about the end of this month."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

GROWING ANARCHY.

A FORTIFIED VILNA.

Petrograd, June 22. The question whether the forces of the Government will suffice to prevent over the growing anarchy in Petrograd will be put to the test this afternoon, when the Government authorities will finally demand the evacuation of General Durnovo's villa at Vilna, which the anarchists seized at the beginning of the revolution, and has since been occupied by a fortified garrison.

In the villa are included, besides anarchists, extreme Socialists, who are backed by a detachment of armed sailors from Kronstadt and workmen in the district, and a serious collision appears inevitable.

Petrograd, June 23. The anarchists at Durnovo's Villa were not evicted last night in the evening.

Petrograd, June 24. The Durnovo anarchists told the Pressmen that they were supported by 6,000 armed "People's Militia," machine-gun companies, and also by several infantry units.

TO DISSOLVE THE COUNCIL OF EMPIRE.

The Congress of the Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates of All-Russia, advanced a special demand upon the Government to dissolve the Council of Empire, annulling the mandates of the Duma, and suppressing the credits voted for the upkeep of both institutions.

THE MACHINATIONS OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONISTS.

Petrograd, June 23. The All-Russian Congress of the Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates at Petrograd have made an urgent appeal to the people warning them against the machinations of counter-revolutionists, who are greedily awaiting the chance to crush the revolution through disorderly demonstrations.

The appeal concludes: "Not a single group of workmen should be in the streets and not a single demonstration should be made."

DOWN WITH THE WAR.

Petrograd, June 24. A meeting of Maximilian troops on Thursday resolved to organise armed demonstrations against the Government. Yesterday they placarded the streets with posters declaring that the Government was supporting the Imperialists, and capitalists, who were responsible for the continuance of the war and the famine, and inviting the soldiers and workmen to appear in the streets with the watchwords "Down with the Duma!" "Down with the ten Bourgeois Ministers!" "Down with the War!" "We want Peace and Liberty!"

The Government after an all-night sitting issued placards inviting the population to be calm, declaring that any attempt at violence would be rigorously suppressed.

Simultaneously, the Pan-Russian Congress of the Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, the Executives of the Petrograd Workmen and Soldiers' Congress and other Socialist and workmen's parties issued appeals to the troops and workmen not to appear in the streets, and to abstain from demonstrations, which would only help the counter-revolution, the dark forces of which are only awaiting an opportunity to attack the national liberty.

FAMINE CONDITIONS IN POLAND.

"EVACUATION BUREAU" AT WARSAW.

Zenice, June 24. Three hundred and fifty thousand are being fed daily at the communal kitchens in Warsaw.

The Municipality has established an Evacuation Bureau to assist the removal of persons dependent upon the community.

Eighty thousand have already left Lodz to escape starvation.

GERMAN INTRIGUE.

OPERATIONS IN SWITZERLAND AND RUSSIA.

Paris, June 24. M. Ribot, the Premier, communicated to the Committee of the Chamber, documents proving that the German Legation at Bern had inspired the Hofmann-Grimm intrigue, and is also promoting the anarchist campaign in Russia.

THE AUSTRIAN CABINET.

Amsterdam, June 24. A Vienna message states that it was the Czechs' passionate rejection of all offers that led to the failure to reconstitute the Cabinet.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

EXTENDED ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH.

LONDON, June 23. A French communiqué states:—After a violent bombardment at night-time, the Germans renewed their attempts in the region of Vaucluse and south and south-east of Elain.

All attacks were repulsed with serious losses to the enemy without, the latter gaining any advantage.

Fighting was particularly lively between Royers and Froimont Farms. The Germans, who extended their attacking front east of Epines de Cheverny as far north as Froimont Farm, multiplied their efforts to carry the positions from which they were beaten back yesterday.

Our fire broke up the assaulting waves, which were unable to reach our lines of defence from the salient which they penetrated yesterday.

Other enemy attempts east of Cheverny and east of Cavaliers de Courcy in the sector of Chambray, also failed.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, June 23. A French communiqué states:—The artillery continued all day at Chemin-des-Dames. There was no infantry action.

ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, June 23. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We raided the positions northward of Givelle.

We carried out a successful local operation in the neighbourhood of Warneton.

We repulsed enemy raiders north-eastward of Ypres.

GOOD WORK BY PORTUGUESE TROOPS.

LONDON, June 23. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The Portuguese troops killed or captured the whole of a German patrol to the south of Armentieres last night.

ITALIANS CAPTURE GUNS AND MUNITIONS.

LONDON, June 23. An Italian official report states:—The enemy concentrated a brisk fire on our new position on Mount Ortigara, Asiago. We replied effectively.

We captured on the 19th inst. in this area four guns, 14 machine-guns, 1,000 rifles, and a large quantity of ammunition and mining material.

AUSTRIAN MUNITIONS WORKS EXPLOSION.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

AMSTERDAM, June 23. In the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath, the Minister of Defence announced that 136 were killed, 170 are missing, and 625 were injured owing to an explosion in the munitions works at Bloegweg, which was probably due to carelessness.

THE FOOD RIOTS IN STETTIN.

AMSTERDAM, June 23. The *Stettin Abendpost* reports serious disturbances due to the food riots in Stettin.

Green women and boys looted the shops, but the troops restored order.

Owing to the strike of the Naval workers on Tuesday, the Military assumed control of the Yulean and two other works.

A proclamation was issued ordering a resumption of work, and declaring that eligibles refusing to return to work would immediately be sent into the Army.

RUSSIANS FORCE BACK TURKS IN KURDISTAN.

LONDON, June 23. A Russian official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—In the region of Rayask we forced back the Turks on the right bank two miles, and we advanced as far as the Abashirvan River, in the region of Sakiz.

TREASON IN ITALY.

ROME, June 23. A great treason trial, in which the principal figure is Monsignor Gerlach, prominent Vatican official, has resulted in Gerlach and two others being sentenced to penal servitude for life.

Two prisoners were sentenced to five years and two to three years' imprisonment, respectively.

Gerlach and another accused, who was ordered to be shot, are fugitives from justice.

LOYAL FREEMASONS.

LONDON, June 24. Eight thousand Grand Officers and Masters, including those from Overseas, attended a special Grand Lodge meeting in the Albert Hall yesterday in celebration of the bicentenary of the English Grand Lodge.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the President, read a message from His Majesty the King, thanking them for "the traditional loyalty of Freemasons, which has been a proud memory during three anxious years."

A religious service was held in the Albert Hall today.

DUKE OF TECK'S NEW TITLE.

LONDON, June 24. It is understood that the ex-Duke of Teck will assume the title of the Duke of Cambridge.

M. VENIZELOS ON GERMAN INTRIGUE IN GREECE.

ATHENS, June 23.

M. Venizelos, interviewed by Reuters' Correspondent, was most optimistic, and stated that he was determined to end the pro-German propaganda. He favoured the removal from Athens of the Royalist hostile to the Entente. He declared that the Royalists' attitude is still most objectionable. He could not understand their aim.

At the invitation of M. Jannart, M. Venizelos is staying on board a battleship, which the Venizelist demonstrators surrounded in boats last night.

DANISH MINISTER'S RESIGNATION.

ROYAL REFUSAL.

COPENHAGEN, June 23. The King of Denmark has refused to accept the resignation of M. Rottboell.

THE COTTON TRADE CRISIS.

LONDON, June 24. The President of Board of Trade, Sir Albert Stanley, conferred with the representatives of the cotton trade from Liverpool, Manchester and Nottingham.

Owing to the shortness of notice, the representatives of the principal Trade Unions were unable to be present, but will be fully represented at the Conference between Sir A. Stanley and the representatives of all the cotton trade interests on the 27th inst., when it is expected that a decision will be reached regarding the best means for dealing with the situation.

Meanwhile the "futures" market at Liverpool will remain closed.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, June 24. The silver market is very steady.

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CHINESE LOSE THEIR SMILE.

AMUSING STORY OF AN EAST END AFFRAY.

Under these headlines a London evening paper of April 30th contains the following report:—

It was necessary to assume the twenty Chinamen; most of them seamen, who came into the dock at the Old Bailey to-day that there was a difference between Oriental and British justice.

They were accused of "unlawfully assembling together in a public place to the terror and disturbance of his Majesty's subjects."

None of them wore the smile that is childlike and bland when the charge was interpreted to them. On the contrary, they seemed to be in considerable apprehension, and on being asked to plead all of them promptly answered in the Chinese equivalent for "not guilty."

This led the Recorder, Sir Forrest Fulton, to remark: "These men should be given to understand that they won't be immediately executed. I believe in China they have a much more summary way of dealing with prisoners than we have here."

Counsel asked for permission to inform their clients that even if they said they were guilty they would not be in danger of their lives.

Sir Forrest Fulton: I think that is desirable. I believe these men think that they will at once be taken to the place whence they came and immediately killed.

"SO" WHICH MEANT "YES."

At Sam, Lee, Pow, Man Sack, Wong Wo, and the rest of the prisoners thereupon had a conference with interpreters with the result that the childlike and bland smile came at last, and when requested to plead again they each said something which sounded like "No" and meant "Yes."

Mr. Forester Clarke, who prosecuted, explained that the disturbance occurred between members and non-members of the Chinese Seamen's Union. He exhibited a contrivance like a gollywog with three legs which the union men carried in their mouths when they went out to make converts. They also carried persuaders in the form of knives, axes, iron bars, and life-preservers.

To show how Chinese trade unions deal with non-union men, Mr. Clarke told how Lee Pow was discovered stabbing Fong Wing in the head with a knife, and how the head of Ho Po, another non-union man, was battered with a heavy hammer by one of his gentle countrymen, while others aided in his conversion by labouring his body with heavy iron bars.

Witnesses of Ho Po was gathered up by the police and taken to hospital. He has recovered.

The Recorder postponed sentence until Wednesday, and said, as no British subject was injured and the rioters at once submitted to the police, he would be willing if ships were fanned for the seamen meanwhile, to allow the prisoners to be released on their entering into recognisances for their good behaviour.

The Emperor of Austria has vowed to build a church in Vienna if an early peace is vouchsafed. The imperial promise, which was read in church, begins with the words:—

"Almighty God, Thou knowest what patience and forbearance we exercised with our enemies until, in justified self-defence, we had recourse to the sword. It will be very unfortunate if the Recording Angel happens to have kept a copy of the ultimatum to Serbia."

A remarkable bridge had been mentioned in the *Shanghai Mercury* as having been held by a player at Shanghai last week. The dealer, passed and the next one declared five no trumps. His partner looked at him, thinking he must have made a mistake. No one doubted. His hand consisted of the Ace King and Queen of Spades; Ace, King and Queen of Hearts; Ace, King and Queen of Diamonds; and Ace, King and Jack of Clubs. The writer of the paragraph says: "The bridge player had such a hand, being held before. This we can assure our readers is authentic for we were present when it happened."

THE PUNISHMENT OF GERMANY.

FRENCH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Germans have blundered once more. One of their objects in plundering the Convention territory was to incline French opinion towards a peace without victory. "The French," wrote the *Berliner Tageblatt*, "must now realize what it costs them to recover their invaded provinces by force." Unfortunately for the Germans, the wave of frightfulness has worked just in the other direction. The wave of wrath which has gone through the nation for the last three weeks is just what was wanted to make its determination stronger than ever. Up to now the French only wanted to conquer. From now on, they want to punish.

I attended the debate in the Senate, says a Paris correspondent, when the special committee appointed to visit the devastated districts made their findings public. I need not dwell on what the Germans have done. The facts are known. What ought to be clearly defined is the variety of measures which have been recommended by some prominent members, with the full approval of the Government, and which will be efficient only so far as they are endorsed by all the Allies.

The main proposal can only be carried out after victory is secured. Then only will it be possible to exact all the penalties founded on international law. All the outrages done without any military excuse against private property and civilians full under the Hague Convention of October 18, 1907, to which Germany was a party. Moreover, Article 11 of the Convention distinctly provides that damages may be exacted from the belligerent country which has infringed the rules laid down in the other articles. As this clause was inserted at the special request of the German delegates, there will be some humour in the position of the Germans when they will have to appear before their judges. This, however, can only happen after our soldiers have finished their work. Let us therefore drop the point for the present.

COLLECTING EVIDENCE.

What we can and must do at once is to open criminal proceedings under the French law as to be ready when the day of reckoning arrives. The Germans have not only violated international law. They have cut down trees and destroyed various forms of violence on girls they have resorted to fall under the ordinary criminal code of every civilized country, not excepting the German civil and military code itself. Just as the Lusitania case was submitted in England to a jury, it has been decided to start a number of prosecutions, to be initiated by the Government's attorneys or by the victims themselves, so as to collect as once all available information about the outrages and their authors.

THE NAME OF THE GERMANS sent officer who before leaving Noyon, pointed at a girl of sixteen years of age and said "This one is for me," is fully known and will be given under oath by trustworthy witnesses. One does not see why responsible individuals such as this man should not be treated as ordinary criminals and hanged after the war, when we will be in a position to dictate our conditions. At any rate, this act of accusation must be prepared without delay while all the facts are still fresh in the memory of the witnesses.

ROBBERY IN RUSSIA.

But there is still another measure which ought to be taken at once, not only by France, but by all her Allies. The Committee of the Senate have now firmly established that the Germans are practising the stealing of money and securities. All the safes have been opened by means of crowbars or blow lances, and the contents carried away by the burglars. Now, according to an estimate made by a financial expert, M. Jules Roche, there were in the invaded French and Belgian territories at the outset of the war about one billion pounds sterling. If the Germans lay hands on all of them they will be able, unless we act at once, to negotiate these securities in certain neutral countries, especially in Amsterdam, and to get in exchange an extra supply of credit which will allow them to carry on the war.

It is for this reason that a Senator, M. Etienne Flamin, introduced last week a Bill which was passed at once and which makes it an offence against the safety of the State for anyone to receive, store, or conceal, or to negotiate securities stolen during the war. Under such a new law, any neutral banker who may have helped the Germans to dispose of such securities will be liable to penal servitude as soon as he sets foot on French soil, or in any other part of the world.

There is little doubt that such a measure would be sufficient if it were adopted by all the Allies, for the most Germanophile of neutral bankers would very likely think it undesirable to find himself excluded from four-fifths of the civilized world.

One last point about the Hohenzollern. There is at present a wholesome tendency to proclaim that the Kaiser must be held personally responsible for all the shameful misdeeds of his army. But the Kaiser's responsibility should be thrown upon one man, one act, one man only, while it really rests with the whole German nation. Whatever steps the Germans may take against their present rulers, they will have to pay to the utmost farthing for every outrage committed by their army, and international law. However victorious they may be, the Allies would be morally defeated if they failed to exact the full penalty.

JAPANESE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN CHINA.

The Japan Congregational Church is reported to have decided to commence evangelistic work among the Chinese, says the *Kobe Herald*. Some time ago, Dr. Harada, President of the Dooina University, went to China on a tour of inspection and returned with a report. The Church has now decided to dispatch Rev. S. Shimidzu to Mukden. He left Kobe for Dairen a few days ago. This is the first attempt of any Japanese Christian Church to commence evangelistic work among the Chinese.

SOMETHING DEFENDABLE.

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SPORT.

SWIMMING GALA AT TAIKOO.

A very entertaining Swimming Gala took place at Taikoo on Saturday and a collection among the spectators resulted in the sum of \$146.00 being contributed to War Charities. The results of the afternoon related to the adventures of Charlie Chaplin's wedding party, who, not captured in the dry-dock and their "rescue" kept the spectators highly amused. Another entertaining feature was the operations of the Barber whose customers were suddenly "docked." The afternoon's programme included the following:—

50 Yards Handicap.—1, Johnstone; 2, Stewart.

100 Yards (Distance).—1, England; 2, Gerard.

Pillow Fighting.—1, McCra; 2, England.

50 Yards, hurdle race.—1, McIntyre; 2, Stewart.

100 Yards Race.—1, Rodgers; 2, England.

Greasy Pole.—1, Finch.

100 Yards Handicap.—1, Johnstone; 2, Finch.

Donkey Riding.—1, McIntyre; 2, Grimshaw.

Ladies' Nomination.—1, Mrs. McArthur; 2, Mrs. Russell.

Diving, high and low.—1, England; 2, McCra.

50 Yards ladies' handicap.—1, Miss Lottie Scott; 2, Miss Yearley.

Mrs. Reid distributed the prizes.

SERIOUS OUTLOOK IN NORTH CHINA.

A correspondent writing to the *N.C. Daily News* from "somewhere in North China" says:—

It is pathetic to see the state of this country over these northern provinces. All the people are organized in gangs preying for rain. There has been practically no rain since last summer. The spring crops of kaoliang were sown as usual, but they did not sprout. The whole countryside which ought to be covered with green vegetation is brown as in mid-winter, parched and dry. It is now too late for a crop of kaoliang this year. If rain comes at once a crop of beans or peas could be obtained. If on the other hand the rain keeps off a few more weeks no crops at all can be gathered, and 100 millions of people will be faced with the serious question of how they are to get even the scantiest of food. There is no doubt we are face to face with a serious situation. It makes all the more inconvenient the utterly selfish and useless political squabble which is hindering all economic progress in China.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Hbert and Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report says:—

With an important active setting day less than two weeks ahead and China's policies still in the melting pot, it is not surprising that genuine business during the week has been restricted to a few cautious purchases, but the prices that have been paid at the auctions show that the tone of the market is decidedly strong.

There has been considerable excitement in the local cotton and yarn sections owing to a strong speculative buying movement, which has sent prices to a level probably unprecedented. Yarn now stands at a figure at which weaving would be decidedly unprofitable, and unless the speculative demand improves very considerably in the near future it would appear that a somewhat dangerous situation is being created.

Cotton quotations from Liverpool and Manchester telegrams indicate corresponding advances in cloth prices, which are at the moment quite unapproachable from here.

Telegrams from India report that the monsoon has broken at about the normal date.

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Monday, June 26th.—

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Tuesday, June 27th.—

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GERMAN MINISTERS' HOASTINGS.

AMSTERDAM, April 20th.

Speaking during the debate on the Naval Estimates before the Main Committee of the Reichstag yesterday, Dr. Helfferich, Minister of the Interior, stated that the technical results of the "U" boat war had surpassed by 25 per cent. in the first month of unrestricted submarine war and in the second month by nearly 50 per cent. The economic result was incalculably the consequence of technical success. Continuing, Dr. Helfferich said:—

"Definite statistics cannot be given as a clear idea of the economic situation in England is made difficult by the fact that since the beginning of unrestricted submarine war a wide concealment of figures have been decided upon by the British Government, as it can no longer afford to publish the facts as it did formerly."

"The Minister then dwelt upon the decrease in freight tonnage in the first two months of the unrestricted 'U' boat war, and declared that in that period over 1,600,000 tons had been sunk, of which over 1,000,000 tons were British. The total tonnage still available for British trade might be estimated at between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000, and it was clear that the British merchant fleet could not long stand sinkings to such an extent. The possibility of the British replacing the ships sunk by new construction was excluded, as their increase in ships, even in 1916, in spite of all their efforts, had been less than the normal annual shrinkage from wear and tear in peace time."

ADMIRAL CAPELLE'S BOAST.

Admiral von Capelle, Secretary for the Navy, gave information about the "U" boats under construction and ready to be commissioned. His statement, which, according to the *"Tageblatt"* report, was received with satisfaction, disclosed a considerable increase of "this important and effective weapon."

The Minister further declared that sufficient all-steel ships were available for the big fighting ships and the "U" boats. All ships were fully equipped with modern six battle-ships, he continued, were not wholly indispensable; their construction depended on the expediency of each nation. The Minister of the British had been over-

shattered by the battle of the Skager Rak than by the "U" boat war.

Dwelling on the submarine war, the Minister stated that neither British nor other enemy papers dared publish the names and tonnage of vessels sunk. He referred to the numerous daily reports and monthly compilations of the German Admiralty Staff regarding the booty of February and March, and the announcement of the German Admiralty that in the first two months of the war blockade only six "U" boats had been lost, a number which in the same period had been several times surpassed by new constructions.

On the other hand, the enemy Government, said Admiral Capelle, published weekly statements of shipping traffic and losses, which, according to the repeated admissions of the British Press, were calculated to mislead their own and neutral nations. A Social Democrat speaker had said that in the battle of the Skager Rak the German personnel and material had excellently stood the test. He fully approved this appreciation of the personnel, especially of the activity of the "U" boat men.

The Minister added that there could be no question of abandoning the submarine war. He was of opinion that this day was not far off when Great Britain must declare her readiness to enter into peace negotiations.

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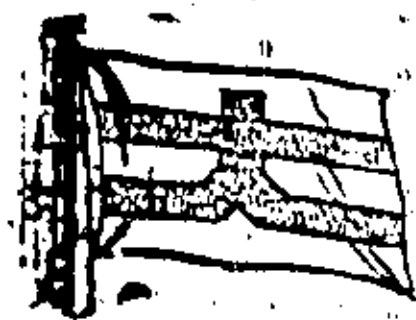
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for counter signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on TUES-
DAY, 26th June at 3.00 p.m. will be
landed at Consignees' risk and expense,
and delivery must then be taken from the
Company's Godown.
Storage charges will be assessed on all
Cargo remaining undelivered on FRI-
DAY, 29th June, at 5 p.m.
No free insurance whatever will be
afforded.

No claims will be recognised after the
Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.
All claims and damaged Cargo will be
forwarded to the Company's Godown, where
they will be examined on 2nd July,
at 10 a.m.
No claims will be recognised if filed
after the 2nd July, 1917.

T. DAIGO,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 25, 1917. 1917

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, KOREA
AND MANCHU.

THE Steamship

"SANTHIA"
having arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Goods will be delivered from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed at Consignees' risk and expense
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